Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If the Government stand in the way of giving new service connections, further house constructions will not be encouraged. So, the Government will do well to consider that aspect and relax the restrictions. Otherwise, the public will suffer. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly consider the matter very earnestly once again now that we have got additional water supply by the installation of the Booster pump.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We shall look into that matter.

Demand put and carried.

(11) Rs. 1,750 under "28—Public Works—B—(3) Water Works—(f) Trichur"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,750 under "28—Public Works—B—(3)—Water Works—(*f*) Trichur". This sum is required for payment of the works already done in Trichur to improve its water supply. One tank has been constructed and the cost of this tank alone with the acquisition charges comes to about Rs 1750. It forms part of an estimate for Rs. 18,000 for the construction of this tank and putting up the necessary pumps and pipelines in this connection. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Member for Engineering be pleased to inform this House the policy the Government have adopted in the matter of the Naduthodu scheme? Has the Government completely dropped it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Government have no intention of continuing the scheme at present.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether by this it will be possible to solve the water supply problem of Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* One tank by itself will not be able to solve the entire problem of water supply in Trichur. It is proposed to investigate other sites in order to find out the possibility of digging out 8 or 10 tanks. If it is possible to find about 8 or 10 other places where such tanks could be constructed, all the necessary works in regard to water supply of Trichur can be met.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Then is it not enough that after knowing the whole estimate for all the 6 or 7 tanks together and whether this will be a more successful scheme than the Naduthodu scheme, the question of giving a further allotment be decided?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not think it necessary, Sir, to wait for a fuller consideration of this question in order to start a small work of this nature—a tank which can supply about 30,000 to 40,000 gallons of water a day will cost only about Rs. 1,500. 10 tanks of this type will give about 4 lakhs of gallons per day and added to this about 2 lakhs of gallons which we are now getting from the Peringavu tanks, the quantity of 6 lakhs of gallons per day could be secured. That will go a very long way in meeting the water supply in Trichur. The cost will not be so much compared with the Naduthodu scheme. Of course, the quantity of water that can be secured from the Naduthodu scheme is 12 lakhs. But by a modest expenditure on these tanks we can get about half the quantity of water which the other larger scheme can give and therefore I think it is advisable that this scheme is taken up.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether any water cess is to be collected from the Trichur Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government have installed meters in houses?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* House connections have not yet been given.

Demand put and carried.

(12) Rs. 15,938 under "11—Forests and Tramway—A—1 (b) Timber etc."

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 15,938 under "11—Forests and Tramway—A-1 (b) Timber, etc.". This expenditure is on account of collecting some 3,000 candies of soft wood from Echipara in Kodasseri Range and transporting and stacking it at the Ernakulam Depot for sale to the Tata Oil Mills in response to any urgent demand of their for which no provision could be found from the sanctioned budget of the current year. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 15,938 has become necessary. There are also no savings for reappropriation. I, therefore, request that the House will be pleased to sanction the demand.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know the variety of timber which is being collected?

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